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SUBJECT: LIMITATIONS ON THE CONDUCT OF ACTIVITIES IN SWITZERLAND
BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

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1. BY BERN' S A-275, JUNE 25, 1973, THE EMBASSY SENT A REPORT ON LIMITATIONS ON CONDUCTING ACTIVITIES FOR A FOREIGN STATE IN SWITZERLAND. WE WISH TO UNDERScore THE NECESSITY TO GET PRIOR AUTHORIZATION BEFORE REPRESENTATIVES OF USG AGENCIES TRY TO UNDERTAKE ACTIVITIES IN SWITZERLAND OR COMMISSION PRIVATE PERSONS TO UNDERTAKE ACTIVITIES FOR THEM. IN RECENT MONTHS, THE SWISS FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS SHOWN INCREASING SENSITIVITY ON THIS POINT AND HAS NOT ONLY SHARPLY QUESTIONED THE ACTIVITIES OF REPRESENTATIVES OF US ARMY AGENCIES IN GERMANY, WHICH WERE INTERESTED IN GETTING THE NAMES OF POTENTIAL BIDDERS ON ARMY CONTRACTS, BUT ALSO SUCH INNOCUOUS SURVEYS AS A SOCIAL SECURITY VALIDATION SURVEY AND A COMMERCE DEPARTMENT MARKET RESEARCH PROJECT.

2. NOW THAT THE US- SWISS JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE TREATY HAS BEEN SIGNED, THE EMBASSY EXPECTS THAT THE SWISS GOVERNMENT WILL BE EVEN MORE PUNCTILIOUS IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF ARTICLES 271-4 OF THE SWISS PENAL CODE. MOREOVER, IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE AND EMBARRASSING TO THE PROSPECTS FOR RATIFICATION OF THE TREATY IF A USG REPRESENTATIVE WERE, UNWITTINGLY, TO RUN AFOUL OF THE SWISS LAWS ON THE ACTIVITIES OF FOREIGN AGENTS IN SWITZERLAND OR RESPECTING COMMERCIAL SECRECY.

3. THE EMBASSY URGES THAT USG AGENCIES DO NOT MAKE INDEPENDENT ATTEMPTS AT INVESTIGATIONS IN SWITZERLAND AND CHANNEL REQUESTS TO THE SWISS GOVERNMENT FOR INFORMATION THROUGH THE EMBASSY. SHOULD THERE BE QUESTIONS ON
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THE MANNER IN WHICH TO PROCEED IN ANY INDIVIDUAL CASE,
THE EMBASSY WILL BE PLEASED TO ADVISE.
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